

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2022.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.

Present: Cllr Bamford (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs Allen, Mercer, Brookes, Lillywhite, Fitzpatrick, Dawson.

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllrs Bradnum, and one member of the public.

The Vice-Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

051/22 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Nagel, Dawson, Peckham and the Clerk.

052/22 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th March 2022.

The minutes were approved.

053/22 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

The Chairman declared he has had meetings with HDC on water neutrality, with the potential developers of areas in Lower Beeding.

054/22 Meetings attended by Councillors.

Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Peckham and Brookes attended a Planning Training course.

055/22 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following:

- An update on reuse scheme (scheme to reuse small items of furniture); update on small electrical items, textiles and batteries collection service, has been a big success.
- There is an increase in roadside littering – HDC will install more cameras to try to combat the offenders.

056/22 Report from County Councillor.

The CC was not present at the meeting.

057/22 Public Adjournment to include:

Highways and CSW report by Roger Warwick

- There have been continued delays from WSCC highways Dept on the installation and implementation of the SIDS. The PC will give highways two weeks' notice of our intention to unilaterally install the SIDS in the Parish. This proposal was unanimous support by the PC.

058/22 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

As the cricket pitch at the Village Hall will not be made available by the LBA. The proposed Jubilee Cricket Match has been cancelled. Several other ideas were discussed and Cllr Fitzpatrick will liaise with the Clerk on supporting the Jubilee at the annual Parish Fete.

- **Appointment of Councillors for 2022-23.**

All current Councillors confirmed that they will stand for the next Council year. There was one application for the vacant position of Councillor.

- **Rearrangement of May meeting dates.**

059/22 Chairman's announcements

Water neutrality has stalled completion of the neighbourhood plan process. Cllr Allen explained background to the current impact on the approval of planning applications.

060/22 Planning Applications:

DC/22/0619 Warley Farm Cottage Hammerpond Road Plummers Plain West Sussex RH13 6PE

Removal of existing carport and erection of a detached garage with accommodation above.

The only comment made was that the water neutrality statement appears contradictory.

DC/22/0735 1 Stablehouse Bungalows Leechpond Hill Lower Beeding Horsham

Erection of a detached garage with home office room in roof space.

Pc opinion: neutral

DC/22/0708 Land Parcel at 521897 127416 Sandygate Lane Lower Beeding West Sussex

Application for the erection of 23 No. dwellings with associated parking, garaging, landscaping, the creation of new access and all ancillary work associated with the proposed development.

pc objections on DC/22/0708

- absolute numbers of houses too high, overdevelopment of site, greater than neighbourhood plan
- traffic movement estimates are massive understatements
- inadequate consideration has been given to infrastructural issues like ground conditions, drainage

Agreed to discuss DC/22/0708 again at the next planning meeting.

061/22 Accounts status as at end of April 2022.

Date	Accounts – Apr 2022	AMOUNT £
	Balance at 29th Mar 2022	
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£25,045.63
	Business Account - Balance	£20,229.40
04-Apr	PC Insurance for 2022-23 with Zurich	£618.01
04-Apr	West Sussex NALC and SALC annual fees	£383.00
19-Apr	MAS Networks	£128.39
19-Apr	Councillors Planning Training	£192.00
19-Apr	Holy Trinity CoE Primary School Grant	£500.00
	TOTAL	£1,821.40
	Business Account	
11-Apr	Interest	£0.18
	Balance at 29th March 2022	
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£23,224.23
	Business Account - Balance	£20,229.58

062/22 Outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary	£1,105.31
	Expenses	£14.39
	Flower baskets	£200.00
	TOTAL	£1,319.70

058/22 Other matters

Queens jubilee - cricket pitch will not be made available by Iba. Historical research suggests that in 1953 there was a big tug of war. Actual location of this event not known. Jean from Iba said that on the silver jubilee there was a party in the school. Ed suggests that we should still try and organise something, even though time is short, eg a picnic. Wayne suggests contacting Kissingate to see if they could provide a bar. As an aside, Keri will start to attend Iba meetings to join up pc with Iba. Keri to liaise with Pete to see if the pc can instead support the Iba summer fete on 18 June 2022

060/22 Planning applications

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Comment: water neutrality statement appears contradictory

DC/22/0735 1 Stablehouse Bungalows Leechpond Hill Lower Beeding Horsham. Pc opinion: neutral

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Public adjournment on DC/22/0708

Harry Langridge - raised concerns about the proposal on grounds of infrastructure strain

Jenny Ditchburn - raised concern about number of houses: initial proposal was 13, revised to 18 at neighbourhood plan, now proposed at 23

Stephanie Shaw - objected to 13 houses, also thinks that 18 is too many. Leslie explained consultation process on neighbourhood plan and also how 18 houses was arrived at

Zoe Spooner - raises concerns about design treatment close to the church, use of two storey designs, and traffic impact

Jackie Dunning - raises concerns about traffic patterns on Sandygate Lane

Richard Auckland - raises concern about impact on existing soakaway

Initial pc objections on DC/22/0708

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Date of the next meetings:

049/22 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

(Please note that planning meetings will only take place if there are any applications to discuss)

050/22 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 24th May 2022 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 21:20 hrs

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